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Going the distance

Archie Stouffer Elementary School's intermediate aged runner Sofie Mills chases the leaders at the annual Elementary School Cross Country Meet on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at JDHES in Haliburton. Mills finished third in her race. See more on page 20. / DARREN LUM Staff



Blue-green algae bloom confirmed in county

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A blue-green algae bloom was confirmed on Big Brother Lake in Algonquin Highlands earlier this month.

Although the bloom has since dissipated, the township and the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations are advising residents to be vigilant, to know the signs of blue-green algae blooms, and how to respond to them.

"After years of doing all the best that everybody can, with supporting various programs and encouraging as much stewardship as we can in a variety of ways, the blue-green algae has come to visit," Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said during a Sept. 20 council meeting.

Blue-green algae, when it forms in clumps, or blooms, on the water's surface, can have toxic effects, both for aquatic ecosystems, but also for humans and animals. There has been a spike in the number of blue-green algae blooms in Ontario in recent years, and contributing factors include high levels of nutrients such as phosphorous and nitrogen in lakes; nutrients that can leach from septic systems, as well as end up in lakes as the result of

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Residents decry end of basic income pilot project

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A group of county residents is criticizing the Ford government's decision to end the province's basic income pilot project, calling it a devastating experience for those affected, and a lost opportunity for Ontario to distinguish itself as a leader on the world stage.

Greg and Bonnie Roe and Elizabeth Turner attended a rally in Lindsay last month. That rally was in protest of the cancellation of the pilot project, instituted under the Wynne gov-

ernment, and which was to give thousands of low-income Ontarians a reliable income for three years, and measure the impact on their well-being.

"It was hugely powerful," Bonnie said of the Aug. 7 rally, which drew about 200 people including some 20 speakers to Lindsay's Victoria Park. Those speakers included people affected by the project's cancellation, politicians, political candidates and others.

"It was gut-wrenching to me, the emotion that came from everybody," said Bonnie, a retired nurse. "First of all, about what the positive effects could have been, to break the cycle of poverty and give some people a qual-

ity of life that some people take for granted . . . and to gather those stats, that could have been so valuable."

Under the pilot project, single participants received a guaranteed basic income of \$17,000 per year, and couples \$24,000, a rate nearly twice that of average welfare payments. It began in 2017 and was to last three years. Lindsay, along with Hamilton and Thunder Bay, was one of three communities chosen for the project, with about 2,000 people there signed up.

The intent of the project was to study how a basic income might help those living on low

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incomes meet their basic needs, measured in terms of food security; stress and anxiety; mental health; health and health-care usage; and housing stability.

Bonnie noted some of the participants at the rally had been able to put their children in daycare, or stop using the food bank and start shopping at grocery stores for the first time.

"The business people were on side because there were citizens [who] wouldn't have been able to spend the money or participate in the community, who are now able to go and buy things in the store," said Turner, a retired teacher.

Turner also pointed out that income has been shown to be one the biggest social determinants of health.

"The performance of children in school ... kids not getting proper nutrition or afraid they're not going to have a place to live can't concentrate properly on their school work," she said.

Other participants used the additional income to enrol in educational programs, and Greg explained that in some cases, those programs were ones that lasted the duration of the planned pilot project.

"They expected this support to be there, now it's pulled out from under them," he said.

Greg noted that one person who was not at the rally was Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, who is also the province's new labour minister.

"Conspicuous in her absence was Laurie Scott, our MPP," he said. "Her office is in Lindsay. She could have sent a representative. Did she? No. She could have sent a

speech or something to be read. Did she? No. It was very disappointing."

The PCs said during the election campaign that the pilot project would continue were they to form government.

"Why couldn't they, with some grace, have just said, yes, let's give it the three years ... let something that's already started keep going," Bonnie said.

Earlier this year, Scott told the *Lindsay Advocate* she was glad the community was chosen for the pilot project. A nurse in her pre-political career, she said in the April edition of the *Advocate* that she was certain increased income, or through finding better employment, would lead to improved health for pilot project participants.

The paper asked Scott to justify the project's cancellation.

"It was definitely a difficult decision that the minister had to make," Scott said.

Nepean MPP Lisa McLeod is social services minister in Ford's cabinet.

Scott said when it came down to it, the government didn't believe the project was actually going to help break the cycle of poverty.

"There's going to be lots of assistance for participants," she said, indicating that those who had gone off of Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program would be transitioned back on to those programs. Payments under the basic income pilot project are scheduled to end in March.

The cancellation of the project has been condemned by academics, and the mayors of Lindsay, Thunder Bay and Hamilton have cried foul at the decision, asking the federal government to get involved.

Former Conservative senator Hugh Segal

criticized the party for the pilot's cancellation in an August column in the *Globe and Mail*.

"Are the honest politicians in Hamilton, Thunder Bay and Lindsay now to become cannon fodder in this ideological snap back?" Segal wrote. "Do ministers such as Caroline Mulroney, Laurie Scott and Christine Elliott concur with treating people this way? Or do we now have a definition of Progressive Conservative that excludes all but the well-off?"

Lawyer, social worker and former HKLB federal NDP candidate Mike Perry has also launched a class action lawsuit against the province on behalf of a group of Lindsay residents.

"A very simple perspective, to me, is this," said Greg, a retired teacher. "If you're teaching your children, or teaching kids, one thing you want to teach them is that if you start something, you finish it."



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Bloom confirmed by ministry

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agricultural or storm water runoff.

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks was notified of a potential bloom on Big Brother Lake on Sept. 7, and samples were taken. Those samples were picked up on Sept. 10.

"They did confirm that a bloom was present on the lake, however, it had dissipated by the time they picked up the sample," Algonquin Highlands planner Sean O'Callaghan said during last week's meeting. "That being said, it's always possible for blue-green algae to return."

The township issued a letter of notification to residents in the vicinity of Big Brother Lake, and Moffatt said she'd like to see tips from the health unit on dealing with algae blooms put in an easily accessible place on the township's website.

Both Moffatt and Deputy Mayor Liz

Danielsen expressed dismay that the health unit did not have the staff resources to contact area residents, and Moffatt suggested that the issue could be taken to the upcoming Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference.

While there have been some other suspected sightings of blue-green algae blooms in the county this summer, including one in the Eagle Lake area, CHA chairman Paul MacInnes told the paper the bloom on Big Brother Lake was the only confirmed one that he was aware of.

MacInnes emphasized the serious health risks that blooms present. While healthy adults who swim in or consume water from a water body with blue-green algae in it may experience some unpleasant side effects, blooms can be potentially fatal for the elderly or very young children. Dogs, he said, can easily die from drinking water from a lake where an algae bloom is present.



Speeding across the countryside

Racers wait for their turn to start during the annual Corduroy Enduro, which took place throughout the county on Sept. 22 and 23. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of July, August, October, November and December



Stouffer Mill Strut

Above left, Don Pflug gives hikers a history of Stouffer Mill before the Stouffer Mill Strut, one of many guided hikes that were part of this year's Hike Haliburton Festival. Pflug's Stouffer Mill B&B is located on a 136-acre property at Halls Lake.

Above, hikers make their way through the woods at Stouffer Mill.

Left, Don Pflug talks about the trees on his property as he led the Stouffer Mill Strut during last weekend's Hike Haliburton Festival. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



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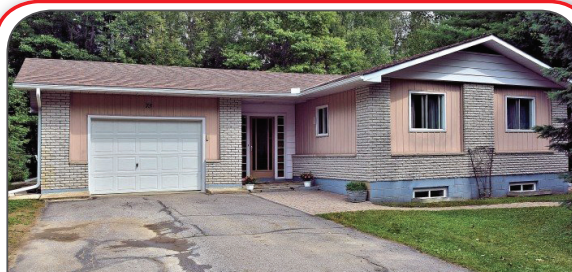
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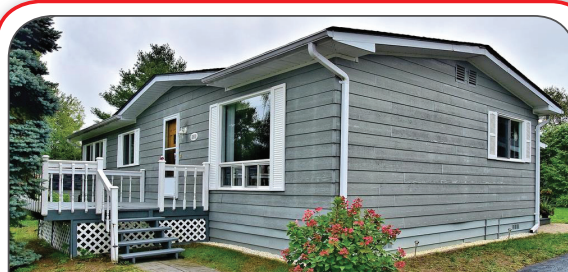


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Uber cool

AFTER HEARING A presentation about a partnership between ride sharing company Uber and the Town of Innisfil, Haliburton County councillors recently asked to hear more about the arrangement, requesting more information from the involved parties.

It's a concept that seems a worthwhile option for the county.

There is no single solution to the quagmire of public transportation in Haliburton County.

The provision of general, public transit cannot be established through any one means. The municipality's large geographic area and sparse population mean that a traditional transit system – buses and bus stations, like one sees in cities – is not feasible for the community. We all know that.

The answer to transit in Haliburton County will be a blend of different methods, including perhaps a fixed bus route travelling between the county's most populated communities, perhaps in combination with some kind of booked, shared ride service.

Uber could also be part of that picture. It should not be viewed as *the* solution to transportation in the county; it should be viewed as *a* solution to transportation in the county.

As most readers are likely aware, Uber is an internet-based transportation service that allows everyday people to essentially use their vehicles as cabs. Drivers have profiles, riders have profiles, with

accounts created and rides paid through a credit card. Everything is digitally based.

When you want a ride, you “drop a pin,” indicating your location, and a nearby driver is alerted to your request. You are able to track the driver's progress in real time, so you know exactly when your ride will show up.

Drivers and riders get to rate one another, so if you have a driver who is reckless or rude, you can indicate that in your rating,

although most of the experiences I've personally ever had using Uber in Toronto have been very positive, including one Sade-loving, minivan-driving father who once picked us up from a Jays game.

It's quick and convenient for users

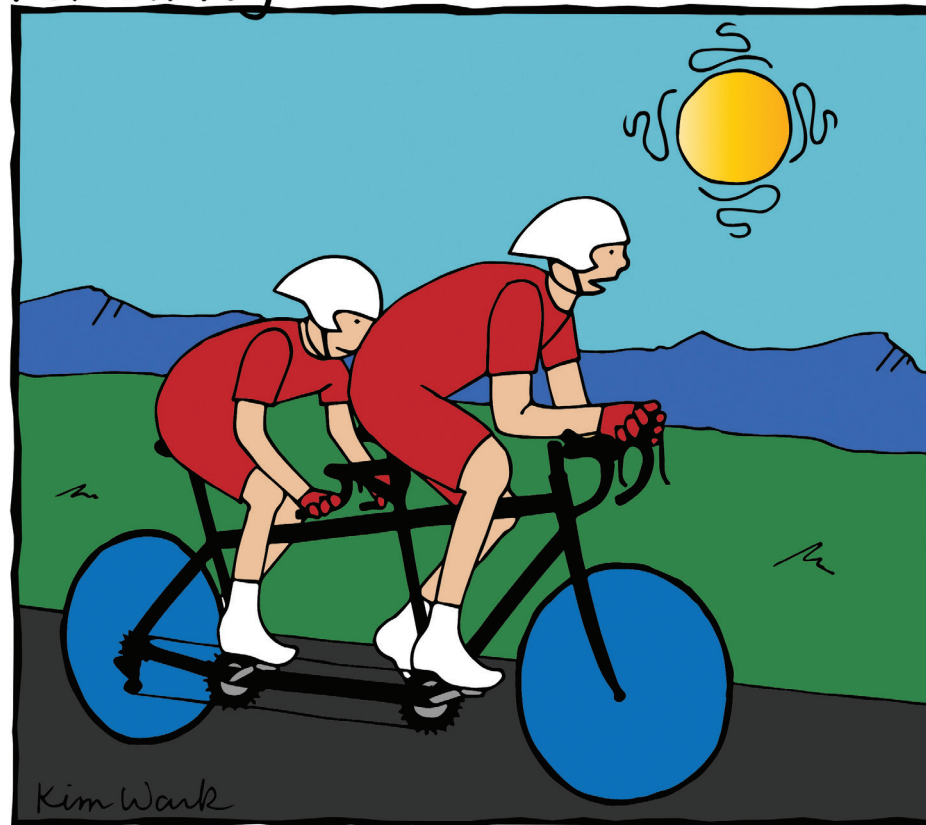
and, in a community largely reliant on precarious, part-time and low-paying work, the presence of Uber would also provide some county residents a means through which to subsidize their income, on days and at times that work for them.

Under the Innisfil model, the municipality subsidizes rides for users and between May 15 and Dec. 31 of 2017, spent \$150,000 subsidizing more than 26,600 trips. Innisfil is more populated but more dense than the county, and it's difficult to judge what uptake might be, so it's difficult to say whether this figure would be comparative for Haliburton County.

It's something worth trying and if it doesn't work out, the county can just drop it.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

Kwarky



“What an amazing view!”

How to handle a lucky shot

A LOT HAS BEEN WRITTEN about the great shots we have accidentally made on game. This week's column will delve into a little known sub-genre of the accidental great shot – that being how to comport yourself when you have accidentally made a great shot on a distant twig.

A fine example of this occurred on Saturday when my brother and I were shooting my pre-charged pneumatic air rifle, which is ridiculously accurate at ranges up to 50 yards.

We were walking in the woods when I pointed to a twig that clearly stood out against a side hill. We judged it to be 35 yards away. I handed him my rifle and shooting stick and said, “See if you can hit that twig.”

Martin took a shot and, if the puff of dirt to the left was any indication, missed it by an inch. He then handed me the rifle and I lined the twig up, shot, and snapped it cleanly in half.

Many shooters would have let their emotions betray their surprise at that point – after all, the twig was hardly pencil-width and appeared narrow even when magnified in my 12X scope. Those shooters might have gloated about the skill it takes to control their breathing and trigger pull. They might have immediately launched into a lecture on the mental aspect of making a shot like that or how they used the ballistic co-efficient of the pellet and estimated velocity to make a mental calculation of trajectory and holdover required at that range.

Not me. I'm playing the long game. I looked at my brother and gave him a more insidious response.

“That's really embarrassing,” I said, as I shook my head. “I hit a sixteenth of an inch low.”

Then I handed him the rifle.

For the next bit of our walk, I lamented on my grave error and at one point even threatened to quit shooting altogether if I couldn't get out of this “slump” I was in. The word slump was intentional since it is one no shooting buddy can resist.

“Slump?” he said.

“Yes,” I said, “the other day I was shooting at a bottle cap at 60 yards and I nicked it three times in a row before hitting it solidly.”

I know. The old school way of thinking dictates that, instead of this, I should have turned the conversation to his spectacular miss to make him feel bad.

Of course, that's plain wrong. It's far better to make another shooter feel bad by going on about how a great shot you made wasn't even

remotely up to your usual standards. This works its way into the other person's mind and makes the next shot challenge even easier to win. And, let's be honest, shooting, once you get past the fundamentals, is a mental game.

That's why I was surprised when we spied a very similar target 10 minutes later and my brother pointed to it and said, “Let's try again.”

“After you,” I said.

This time he nicked the stick. Then he handed me the rifle.

I shot and a puff of dirt showed just to the right.

“You missed,” he said with some satisfaction.

“Yes,” I replied glumly, “I hit that mosquito a little to the left...”

**STEVE GALEA**
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Columns and Letters to the Editor

Sunshine and lollipops

CANADA HAS BECOME A place where people are busy all day, every day, without getting much done. We have slumped into a preference for sitting at tables and debating, rather than lacing up work boots and getting back to building a better place. We are tied to the politics of inertia – at all levels of government. Stand still and argue while critical projects and important opportunities languish.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities reports that more than one-half of Canadian city-owned roads are in need of repairs, and that one-quarter of our waste water systems need billions of dollars in update spending.

The federal Parliamentary Budget Officer reported earlier this year that only \$7.2 billion of \$14.4 billion budgeted for a first phase of infrastructure updating had been spent.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Things are rotting and falling apart because we are too busy talking and not doing.

One prominent example of our inertia is the much discussed, much delayed pipeline expansion. We are losing billions of dollars because we can't get more pipeline built to deliver one of our more valuable assets to market.

Most of our oil and gas goes to the United States at huge discounts because we don't have the pipeline capacity to get it to international markets and their higher prices. We continue to debate, yet find it impossible to settle our differences over

more pipeline capacity and environmental concerns.

Another example is the time-and-dollars-consuming debate over reducing the size of Toronto city council by almost one-half. That debate rages on while Toronto continues to become the most unpleasant city in Canada and among the most unpleasant in North America.

Maybe Toronto needs a smaller city council. Maybe not. I don't know but I do know that the country's largest city has huge problems that affect many who do not even live there.

While they argue about the size of Toronto city council, one or more persons every day are victims of shootings, stabbings or beatings in the city. Gang violence is out of control and Toronto-area traffic is a nightmare most days. Subway and bus travel is not much better.

To folks on the outside looking in, Canada on the whole appears to be doing well. The prime minister is out there talking about all the right things – inclusion, diversity, environment, disparity. Everything is sunshine and lollipops.

Meanwhile, we are grossly underperforming. Growth is stagnant, employment is lagging. A six-per-cent unemployment rate is nothing to brag about.

The strongest part of our economy is a credit card industry driven by low interest rates. Those will rise and when they do, you don't want to even think about the consequences.

We Canadians need to pull our noses out of the flowers and get the country moving. The best way to start doing that is to change our attitudes about politics and the ways in which we do politics.

Politics here, and in the United States, have become far too polarized. Politics no longer is the art of the possible. It is the art of political theatre.

We need to get back to prioritizing what needs to be done and get doing it without hyper-partisan debates. We need to elect people who will do the right thing for the majority, not people who will do the right thing for their political party.

Anyone in politics should be free to review a position and change his or her mind without fear of being smeared as weak or disloyal.

Most importantly, we the voters need to become more informed and rational. Taking time to understand issues and to see the value in opposing ideas is an important part of being a citizen, and critical to our democracy.

Winston Churchill was quoted as saying the best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.

Most of us are not nearly informed as we should be. We know what the problems are but solutions can be complex and require information culled from a variety of sources.

Information is everywhere and easy to get to these days. We just need to spend a few minutes each day absorbing some of it.

When we buy a new car or a TV set we spend time researching the item. We need do the same for political issues.

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letters to the editor

Seagull issue isn't simple

To the Editor,

Re: *Cull the Birds*

While I can empathize with the residents on Mountain Lake (and presumably many others in the area) having to battle the inevitable excrement and annoyances that come hand in hand with an invasion of the scavenging creatures, I take issue with the flippant way Mr. Ingram suggests we "Just shoot them. Shoot the damn seagulls." I know the immediate response will be to write me off as a "bleeding heart" or a "left-leaning-animal-rights-activist" but let's step back and look at the bigger picture...

We have created this issue, we have "trained" these birds to behave in this manner. Because of our ignorance and our neglectful choices, as a community of mindless consumers who toss garbage without a second thought, we have created a fertile feeding ground for this species in the middle of our rivers and lakes. Last week when I went to the Scotch Line landfill, I saw enclosed garbage bins for the first time – a great move towards diminishing what has proven to be a dangerous attractant for these birds. This is an example of working towards a solution that doesn't just flex our proverbial muscle at eradicating a population that we have encouraged to the point of nuisance.

This is a prime example of the deplorable state of our society. This attitude is what has created the worldwide issues we are currently facing: potential world wars, an opiate crisis, global warming or climate change, or whatever term you want to give it, is all a direct result from our deliberate and distinct way of not caring about the repercussions of our actions. Rather than finding a sustainable way to rectify our self-imposed issue, we focus on finding a quick, cheap, immediate fix without much consideration or care.

Gulls, admittedly are not endangered and are

not perceived as the most "majestic" – but that's just our perception. We choose to view seagulls as scavenging thieves because they dive down and steal our discards, but we eagerly put bird feeders out for blue jays, give bread to our children to feed the ducks, toss seed on our lawns in early spring to encourage robins... What is the difference? Perception. Because gulls don't wait for our permission, but rather help themselves, we find them disgusting and invasive. I don't recall anyone asking Mother Nature's permission to start a giant festering mass of our discarded single-use, non-recyclable plastics on her face, so by that token, are seagulls and humans in the same category in this regard?

Gulls are prevalent because they are good at surviving. They take advantage of that which we can't be bothered to deal with. Gulls are known to scavenge that which we, the "apex predator" and "highest member of the food chain," can't be bothered to deal with: garbage, litter, roadkill, landfills – as our world becomes more and more of a throw-away society, anything that assists in keeping our overflowing landfills in check should be cherished and honoured – perhaps even celebrated in their utilitarian ways. Let's not forget that these pesky birds have a healthy appetite for insects – helping to keep the mosquitoes and blackflies in check, performing natural and much appreciated pest control for farmers and gardeners.

It is a really unfortunate situation that the gulls have become such a nuisance, but surely we, as intelligent, thoughtful, empathetic contributors to the human race can do better than destructively eradicating that which we have encouraged to this point.

Alexis Macnab

Celebrate new stone carving at Stone Tree Studio

DORSETNEWS

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The Dorset Community Partnership Group and Fund Meeting is happening on Monday, Oct. 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Topics include our volunteers and project updates, Billy Bishop Goes To War happening Oct. 20, Dorset Community Health Care Hub update, S.S. Bigwin update, guest speakers and community input and ideas. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting and as always there will be snacks and refreshments as well as great door prizes.

Come join Elise Muller and Cirvan Hamilton at Stone Tree Studio this Saturday to celebrate Elise's first place stone carving, *Attunement*. Elise spent the month of June 2018 at KIRA (Kingsbrae International Residence for the Arts) where she entered the 2018/19 Kingsbrae Garden Canadian Sculpture Competition in St. Andrews-by-the-Sea. One of 12 finalists, Elise was ultimately declared the winner of the competition.

The 1,200 pound sculpture started out as a 2,500 pound rock and was polished like glass. Elise says, "I picked that boulder and it just sort of emerged. A big black circle that represents a beautiful universal love connection organically happened with the piece of stone. It was amazing how the sculpture was just

meant to be."

Attunement was carved out of St. George Red Granite and the smaller version (maquette) *Attunement 1* is on display and for sale in Fergus as part of the Elora Sculpture Project until the end of October.

Rock In The Woods is taking place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 29 at Stone Tree Studio, located at 4547 Muskoka Road 117. Music will be performed by Myrle and is open to the public. Food and drinks will be provided and of course you can check out Elise and Cirvan's work. Visit their website at stone-treestudio.ca.

Happy birthday to Sarah Parniak and Ryan Robinson-Hatton. Happy anniversary to Rob and Chantal Hamilton. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.



Elise Muller hugs her sculpture, *Attunement*. /Photo submitted

CANDIDATE Q&A - MINDEN HILLS

The *Minden Times* sent the following five questions to the candidates for Minden Hills council.

1. Provide an introduction to yourself. (This could be about how you came to the area, your hobbies and interests, family life, education, accomplishments.)
2. What is the most important issue facing Minden Hills today? As a council member, how would you address that issue?
3. Local housing advocates say less than 13 per cent of

housing stock in Minden Hills is rental. They raise concern that not enough rental housing is available for the “missing middle” renters (those who would not qualify for social housing, but cannot afford much of what is on the market). What can be done to create more rental units for those who do not qualify for social housing?

4. Minden Hills is working on a downtown revitalization plan for the village of Minden. What should the township be doing to attract more investment and visitors to Minden’s downtown core?

5. The township recently entered into an agreement where it will pay up to \$10 million for an upgrade of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Minden Hills Community Centre. Is this the right project for the community? What should have been done differently?

Here are the responses from the candidates for mayor, councillors for wards 2, 3, and councillor at large. Next week we will publish the answers from Ward 1. Make sure to attend the all-candidates meeting Thursday, Sept. 27 to hear from all the candidates. Election day is Oct. 22.



Jarrett Campbell

Candidate – Mayor

1. My name is Jarrett Campbell, and I have lived in Minden my entire life. My wife of 19 years and I have three teenage children and I own and operate a small trucking/storage business. I like to play hockey in the winter and golf in the summer – but my favourite pastime is spending quality time with my family and friends. I am honest and hard working and I believe we together can make Minden better – but most of all, inclusive of everyone.

2. I believe there are many issues which need to be addressed. I believe the current infrastructure of our town needs to be on the top of the list. When the taxpayers have to come together to cut the lawn at the cemetery, we have a huge problem. Our river is another concern, because if we are going to promote it we need to maintain it. This means trash cans should be emptied regularly, lawn and tall grass up the shoreline should be kept cut, gardens weeded, dead trees and brush should be removed, the path way should be kept swept and free of any droppings or debris daily and the public washrooms should be maintained and kept up - also daily. You only get one chance to make a first impression.

3. The creation of secondary dwelling units can offer housing for young adult family members just starting out in the workforce, or aging family members who still need their independence but not necessarily the upkeep of their own house. Secondary dwelling units would also offer a small income when rented out to offset the cost of owning a home. This would create more available housing in the area, and therefore the township would not have to build and maintain lower cost rental units. Of course, building permits would need to be issued. These units would need to comply with all health and safety and property codes would need to be met. I think some of our zoning and bylaws need to be changed to help accommodate different ideas for our dwellings.

4. The red tape in which small businesses are having to push through – is not helping, but seems petty and discouraging for anyone trying to make a go here in our town. Any safety issues I understand need to be addressed beforehand, but things like automatic doors and the adjustment of existing fixtures should be given a timeline to be installed so not to interfere with the opening of the business. Issues like parking in the downtown area should not be the businesses’ responsibility, as they cannot create more parking spaces. There are either spots for parking or there are not. I feel the river is the gateway to our downtown and we need to make it so.

5. I do agree that our community center does need some attention. However, the way this project has been handled so far is unacceptable. \$10 million from one bidder that was approved in nine days, by a council that is at the end of its term – not knowing who will be at that table starting the next term. This act in itself is completely irresponsible. The questions I have are; How does council accept one tender without having any other tenders for price comparison? What are we getting for \$10 million? How many local residents would get employment opportunity from this project? (Keeping tax

money local). Going forward, I believe that council should be responsible to dig further and not just accept one bid on any job in question. Also when putting out tenders we need to ensure that there will be local employment granted with any out of town contracting.



Brent Devolin

Candidate – Mayor

1. My family moved to the region in 1969 and I attended public and high school in Haliburton. Post secondary education commenced at Trent University and culminated with an Economics Degree. I am married with 3 children currently all in their 20’s. I am an active skier, boater, camper, cyclist and enjoy almost all outdoor activities. Community involvement includes being past president of the Rotary Club of Minden, former Director of Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, Church Board member, 40 years of political engagement, and many other community-based initiatives. I have had the good fortune to have worked over 30 years in the Forestry, Construction and Retail sectors of the Haliburton and Muskoka area.

As Mayor and Warden, the last 4 years has seen successful negotiation of 2 collective agreements, Emergency Management Plan completion, Public Housing initiatives in Minden, new Firehall build and Economic Development initiatives.

2. The issues that are most important for Municipal governments today are numerous, including Housing, Internet & Connectivity, Labour Force Development & Alignment, Health Care, Environmental Protection, Asset Management and Investment to name a few. Asset management with a long-term plan and strategy is the foundation of any Municipal government’s ability to deliver the required services to the rate-payers. Minden Hills is growing at 8% (more than double the provincial average) but the assessment growth under MPAC’s formula is not keeping pace. Some government funding models that are based upon the permanent resident population are fundamentally flawed and do not adequately support regions with a high percentage of seasonal residents. The present term of council has taken a bold move in an election year to invest in our assets and build a sustainable path for the municipality. This action was taken so that future councils may not be burdened with many years of double digit increases to fulfill our responsibilities.

3. To address the “missing middle” several policies can be deployed. Because of the new County Official Plan, municipalities can use Community Improvement Plans, specialized zoning creation, and other incentives to create monetary and non-monetary incentives for builders and developers to fill the gaps. Local government can also begin a strategy to leverage funds from the National Housing Strategy initiatives and the Federal Investment Bank. Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation (a joint City and County initiative) has been very successful in leveraging the public housing starts in our community. This type of approach for the non-socially assisted housing could be used to great success in this regard.

Municipalities should also lobby for changes in the Ontario Building Code that would make it easier to build smaller houses (i.e. Tiny house initiatives) in our rural municipality. These all would help to begin to fill the housing gap in Minden Hills.

4. The present term of council with its downtown revitalization planning and economic development task force have begun the foundational part of the downtown metamorphosis. During these initiatives, several conclusions were reached. First that a BIA representing the interests of these downtown stakeholders needs to be re-established. Secondly that the need existed to hire an Economic Development person to champion the findings and initiatives that flow from these groups. Thirdly Minden Hills has procured the third property to complete the ownership of the whole block where the old firehall was located. This investment will serve as an anchor with a large downtown public space that will be developed to complement the businesses in the downtown area, and give a larger permanent venue for farmers markets, allowing small sized business exposure and retailing space, and a multi-season venue for events like Music by the Gull.

5. In 2014 an engineering analysis was completed that illustrated the sad shape of the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre. Its minimum option was a \$2 ½ million band aid. We are blessed with a facility that had good bones and was potentially a candidate for a refurb to put in shape to last an additional 40 years. In 2015 the 1st Task force was created to study the best community centres rebuilds in Ontario that could serve as a model for renewal. The consideration of new vs rebuild was considered and the findings were that it would be approx. \$6-8 million for a refurb and \$10-12 million for a new build. Quality refurbishments like the Ennismore Arena were indistinguishable from a new build and that was a great relief. The next consideration was the refrigeration system, both from energy efficiency and risk mitigation (due to ammonia volumes), and analysis of other centres showed that an ice plant with state of the art ice bank would be the preferred option. The second task force was then struck with the assembled community technical expertise and community stakeholders. During the 1st and 2nd task force meetings the members heard loud and clear from the public that an expansion to the facility that would give expanded capabilities for those interested in an active life style was desired. The analysis between a multi-sport component and a pool were considered, but the multi-sport option was half the money to build and required one quarter of the staff to manage. The building task force was unanimous in its support to renew the arena and include a multi-sport facility. The cost of the arena component was about \$6 ½ million and about \$3 million for the multi-sport component. It was felt that this renewal would rebirth this important community hub in a contemporary form to serve the community for the next 40 years as well as the present facility has since the 1970s.



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Wayne Hancock

Candidate – Mayor

1. I live in Prince Albert presently and I am building a retirement home on our lake in Irondale. My family and I own more than five pieces of property including the Gas Station at Irondale, and several larger parcels. I have been the Director of Public Works for many years with different municipalities and I know the municipal system well.

I enjoy the outdoors and I am an avid fisherman, both winter and summer.

I also enjoy all outdoor sports and love hockey.

I hope this provides some background to who I am.

2. I would simply say it is over taxing of the taxpayers and the wastage of our tax dollars on projects without designs and single bids and the lack of proper programming in all areas specifically in waste. The Scotch Line Landfill is a good example of wasted money, no waste management strategy and an environmental disaster waiting to happen. The most recent approval of hiring a new company which the Township had problems with a few years ago is questionable. What are we doing and why would your proper tender not be ready. Why would Council approve this.

3. This is a bigger issue than just in our Township. The Province and Federal Government have to play a part. Without subsidized programs, funding at the local level is impossible. I believe we need to revisit our discussions with our new provincial government and seek out funding any opportunities.

4. Some have suggested that a Community Improvement Plan is the right way to revitalize downtown Minden. This is using our taxpayers' dollars to provide grants toward improvements on private property. I have suggested that if we are introducing a CIP, then it should be Township wide. I have also suggested that we must relook the official plan, the zoning and streamline our process. We are presently discouraging development by the heavy costs and hurdles that someone must go through to get to construction. Streamlining is the first step. The second step is to look to our marketing staff at different methods to bring people to our Town and community. i.e Marketing must look to an audience that is worldwide, not just Haliburton. We must look to where the interests lie, whether it be condo residential, retirement residential, diverse commercial to light industry.

We should not say no, but rather how do we make it work. It is a different philosophy but it will encourage what we need.

5. The project is much needed but the procurement process was wrong. This was a single bid with no comparables. It is a design build contract and at this time, no one seems to know what we are building. If we are to safeguard our tax dollars, we must ensure we are getting competitive bids. In this case, we really don't know what we are buying.

My position is and will continue to be that the Council should have referred this matter back to staff and asked them to revise the RFP. A tender or RFP of this dollar amount must have several bidders.



Mike Grozelle

Candidate – Councillor Ward 2

1. My name is Mike Grozelle, my family had a farm on Davis Lake Rd. for close to 100 years. I have lived in my present home for 19 years, in what was Lutterworth Township. I am a class A mechanic, car and truck. I sat on the executive of the Royal Canadian Legion for six years. I was a volunteer firefighter captain and training officer. I have owned and operated my own construction company for 18 years. I have experience in recycle plastics and am an equipment operator with my own excavator. I am married to a wonderful woman named Jenn. We have three great children, a son in law, daughter in law and five wonderful grandchildren.

2. I don't see one big problem I see a lot of small issues that need to be dealt with, such as spending \$10 million on an Arena but can't spend \$10,000 to install hydro in our dump or install a set of scales. We need to ensure that our Parks Dept. has funding for graveyards and boat ramp maintenance and park equipment. The Roads Dept. has the funds it requires. Water, Sewer, Social Services, Fire Dept. etc.

The current council wants to bring more people to the area without any consideration for our infrastructure. We need to help, not hinder small businesses trying to open in our area. We need to promote the fact we are open for business, have up to date infrastructure, and the people who want to work.

3. I understand it is more difficult for the average working class person to get ahead. And even more difficult to qualify for a large mortgage, but I don't feel that most people want to rent, I think they rent out of necessity. Paying rent only helps the person who owns the house. I would be in favour of looking at opening another Hunter Creek Estates for example, where ownership would give people a sense of pride and affordable Housing, and not be a continuous drain on taxpayers.

4. Downtown revitalization? Does that include the work we need to do to the bridge, not likely. What about the old fire hall? What about the flooding? Let's spend more money just to have the water wash it down the river. Let's get these things in order before we spend more money. Let's get our priorities straight. No new business wants to start under water.

5. The contract for the arena should never have been awarded with only one tender! It should have been sent back out for more tenders. I was led to believe that a few years ago, \$8 million would have replaced the arena, now we are spending \$10 million to repair what should be replaced. I understand this is the second time this building has been repaired.

By the time we pay off the \$10 million the arena will be ready to tear down. We need to get our priorities straight.

Thanks for your support. Every vote counts.



Pam Sayne

Candidate – Councillor Ward 2

1. I've lived in Moore Falls since 1998. I still have a seasonal cottage on Black Lake. Leaving teaching, consulting and management, I started a business to make a living locally. I know our community through environmental concerns and volunteerism. My step-son was a young boy when we moved here from Toronto. Now gainfully employed, he lives in Algonquin Highlands with his wife and two children. Wow how time flies!

Serving as councillor for these four years has been challenging, eye-opening and rewarding. This included working on the Association of Municipalities Ontario Housing Taskforce, initiating (with community members) the Climate Change Action Committee, provincial lobbying, attending conferences (sometimes at my own expense) forwarding municipal concerns, working on issues raised by residents and more. Committed to lifelong learning, I have a post graduate degree in Educational Administration and a Doctorate in Adult Education. Education is not only about what we learn, but how we are able to use what we learn. I enjoy working for my community.

Before serving on council, I volunteered on the Minden Library and Timbersport Committees, the YWCA Board, Haliburton County Home Builders Association Board and as the Black Lake POA Co-Lake Steward. I also served on provincial and national boards and international advisory committees.

As councillor my understanding of transparency, accountability and community involvement is more deeply understood. Community members know it when they see it and know it when it is not there.

2. I will again request an external organizational review. Reviews are conducted by an external independent expert on municipal governance and law, human resources and organizational structure. A review would contribute to efficiencies and transparent governance. This is necessary to ensure the best use of municipal resources. A reviewer would gather input from councillors, staff, and municipal volunteers, consider people's roles and their perspectives, and consider municipal services and operational responsibilities. A review can lead to better communications, more transparency, clearer roles and responsibilities.

Sometimes you can not see the forest for the trees. Out of respect for struggling tax payers, we must be cost effective while providing services and maintaining infrastructure. An organizational review is a common tool for assessment. Minden's organizational review is overdue.

By 2025, Ontario municipalities will need another \$4.9 billion to maintain infrastructure, based on all present provincial and federal funding continuing. Working with the Association of Municipalities Ontario to diversify income options we may avoid the estimated average 8% annual residential tax increase. Long term projections specific for Minden Hills have not been presented. This is of extreme concern to me, along with the estimated 3% per year added to taxes for the Arena development, which does not include general overall increases in operations. This is the biggest and long-term concern for our municipality and for me, as your councillor. I would also like a Finance Committee, including community members, re-instated under the next council. This could be part of the organizational review considerations.

3. I supported the formation of, and continue to work with, the Minden Hills Housing Task Force. It is an uphill challenge by dedicated volunteers to create options and incentives for reasonably priced housing, including rentals. The municipality needs to support the options they present in the future as they consult with local builders, people looking for future downsizing within the community and more.

Minden Hills has allocated land near the arena for additional housing to the KLH Housing Corporation. This is an

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important contribution. It is not a fix for our ability to provide cost effective housing options for a diverse population and changing needs. It does not respond to solving the “missing middle” housing required. The Task Force is searching for home-grown solutions to serve broader and changing housing needs in our community.

We need local solutions to support our local builders and provide reasonably priced housing for our community members. I intend to continue working with the Minden Hills Housing Task Force to create more rental units – and housing options – that are accessible and affordable.

I bring to this endeavor a background in co-operative housing and work with several housing related organizations. Also, I would like to continue working with AMO, and lobby provincial and federal governments for the support we need and to inform the developing National Housing Policy.

4. Zoning considerations, bylaws and approval processes, with expected estimated costs need to be easier to interpret for local businesses taking initiative, and for prospective new ventures. We need to listen when business tells us what works and what doesn’t for their success in our town planning and find solutions. Many local businesses met and provided input for improving our village. Some suggestions included: attracting more visitors to the downtown core with informative way-finding signage, including along Highway 35; and concurrently, slow traffic on Highway 35, as other communities have done, from 70 to 60 kilometres per hour, added benches and more. Thanks to recent funding we will be carrying out many of these suggestions soon.

There is a reported shortage of workers for local businesses. There are many reasons for this to be discussed. Council can focus on housing and transportation that is accessible for potential employees in the area.

The farmers’ and artisans’ markets, Music on the Gull, Minden Pride, and Make it Minden activities, library and the cultural centre, to name a few examples, along with our engaged store front businesses and eateries, contribute to the vibrancy of our downtown community.

5. This project grew as a result of emergency building repairs that were required many years ago before this council’s term. The structural and other concerns still are not completed. Now we are in “urgent” mode.

I think the extension of this project from repairs to a major renovation should have gone to a referendum in the community. This is important due to the increased property tax this represents. It is also easier to fundraise if you know the community strongly supports the initiative. It would have been better to have a public call for people on this planning task force instead of rushing appointments due to the perceived urgency at the end of our term.

We should coordinate such large projects with the rest of Haliburton County because we cannot sustain this with our population base alone. And if “we” build it, how can “they” come without transportation? Transportation should be a higher priority.

At the time of this writing, council has not approved the contract agreement, so there may remain an option to defer final decision to the 2018-2022 council.

Minden Hills

All Candidates

Meeting

Come out to hear from candidates

for Minden Hills council

Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

Minden Hills Community Centre



Russ Duhaime
*Candidate –
 Councillor Ward 3*

1. I bring a wealth of volunteer experience that proves I have the sort of energy and enthusiasm to promote progress in our community.

Since moving to Gelert 30 years ago, I have been involved with many community organizations. I have committed countless volunteer hours promoting a healthy and active lifestyle, and involving myself with a variety of community groups.

One of the cornerstones of a vibrant community is the availability of recreational opportunities. To encourage this, I have coached hockey, baseball, soccer, whitewater kayaking, track and curling.

With Whitewater Ontario, I worked with a team of volunteers to secure grants to refurbish the building and grounds at the Minden Whitewater Preserve. I also served on the sports committee that prepared the Preserve for the Pan Am games.

Additionally, I volunteered for almost 10 years with the Ontario Curling Association as the zone representative for junior curling. This involved arranging, scheduling and officiating at as many as six tournaments each season. Extending the curling season into the summer, I was involved in the organization and coaching at three very successful curling camps which were held at the Minden arena.

My community involvement has also included working with the Minden BIA close to twenty years ago, part of which involved co-ordinating the very first season of Music by the Gull. I served on the board of directors for CHACE I also volunteered on the Gelert Hall board.

I am also very familiar with the workings of Municipal Governments. My previous career as a journalist has made me very familiar with the world of municipal politics. I worked as a news reporter and editor for almost 10 years. In this role, I reported on five to ten council meetings each month.

Most recently, I retired from work as an educational assistant at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. With this new freedom I will be able to devote my full attention to my role on council.

As a councillor, I will always be looking for ways to remove obstacles standing in the way of positive growth. This applies to everything from housing to recreation to internet service to roads and to waste management.

2. I don’t feel that any one issue is the most important. Councillors need to be able to look at each issue in front of them and act on it as though it is the most important. Each issue we face is important to the people of Minden Hills.

My goal is to begin laying down the framework for a community which people of all ages are proud to call their home. In order to do that, we need things like reliable internet service, affordable housing, and enhanced community facilities in all corners of the municipality. We need to become aggressive in this pursuit and that demands the sort of energy that I can bring to the table.

3. We need to encourage rental development by establishing appropriate goals, identifying desirable regions within the municipality and then begin minimizing obstacles that stand in the way of those goals. Development will happen if it’s economically viable. It’s our responsibility to do what we can to help make that possible.

4. I’m encouraged by the tasteful improvements that have occurred in the village over the past several years. I’m optimistic that things are on the right course. Council’s role in this is to facilitate growth while ensuring that infrastructure is not overtaxed.

Keep in mind that commercial development is important throughout the municipality. The viability of businesses in Gelert, Lochlin and Irondale, for example, is also important to the economy of Minden Hills.

5. I am concerned that a project of this magnitude was ap-

proved at the 11th hour with just one bid. However, I’m not privy to all the discussions that led up to this decision, so it’s not fair to criticize.

Having said that, it’s time to look toward the completion of this community asset on time and on budget.



Jean Neville
*Candidate –
 Councillor Ward 3*

1. I was born in Haliburton, then our family moved westerly by stages and ended up in Northern B.C. where I spent part of my youth. Due to my mother’s health, we moved back east, first to Bracebridge area and then to Lochlin. I attended the one room, 8 grade, school SS#12 Snowdon and 4 of my 5 secondary school years at Haliburton High. I trained as a Medical Laboratory Technologist at Civic hospital in Peterborough where I remained for 6 years, moving back to Lochlin area in 1974. Because of my profession, there was an opportunity to establish a testing Laboratory at an existing licence in this area. I worked in this field for over 40 years. We farmed in Snowdon and raised 3 sons, all of whom live and work in the county and are raising a third generation. I have always been very active in community life and events, as well as farming. I was a founding member of the Haliburton County Farmers’ Association and currently president of that as well as Vet Services. I have been a board member of the Lochlin Community centre for over 30 years and the council member of Irondale Community Centre for 8 years. I attend, support and work at events that fund raise for these centres. Until I was elected, these halls did not receive any municipal funding and were threatened with closure. Other committees I work on include : CSD, Events, Festival of the August Moon, Harvest Haliburton, Minden Cat Angels, Communities in Bloom, Doors Open, Hike Haliburton and Terry Fox volunteer and a member of Minden Horticultural Society.

2/3. A top priority would be affordable housing. I would advocate for by-laws to be reviewed regarding minimum size of dwellings as well as construction of tiny homes and garden suites for people wishing to add rental spaces to their homes. There also is a by-law preventing dwellings having 2 complete kitchens, that should also be revisited, allowing basement and accessory buildings having rental capabilities. These should always be considered with safety and separate entrances as a must.

Since this is also part of question 3, I would also like to advocate environmental priorities. I am an avid crusader for eliminating waste and deferring / composting all organics from our landfills. Reducing and eliminating plastics, especially single use water bottles. This also goes hand in hand with naturalizing our shorelines and minimizing harmful pollutants into our water. Mandated septic inspections as well as restricting the number of occupants in shore front dwellings. This doesn’t just include rental units but should also include owners that open their residences to several generations of relatives/ coworkers and friends during the year.

4. The municipal council should entertain new and innovative suggestions from the residents and business owners. There are lots of in-place by-laws that need to be revisited to enable and not restrict creative ideas. Encourage interaction with existing businesses to strengthen their investments and collaborations on what they want to see happen.

5. The S.G. Nesbitt facility does need upgrading with attention paid to the amenities we lack and our population demographic needs. This project is still in its embryonic stage so input from the public is important. We need to keep in mind affordability, maintenance costs, green building practices and use. If we proceed with a project nobody can afford to use or feel is necessary, that is not being fiscally responsible.



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CANDIDATE Q&A - MINDEN HILLS



**John
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*Candidate –
Councillor at large*

1. I have lived in Haliburton County for 40+ years. I currently live in Gelert with my wife Sonja and 8 year old daughter Sarah. I have had a very successful sales and management career, mostly in the Tourism industry, working for major hotel brands and with thousands of corporate and government clients. The most rewarding part of my life has been the last 8 years since our daughter was born. Almost losing her three times in her first couple years of life taught me the preciousness and precariousness of life. She is the reason I dedicated the rest of my life to community service in an attempt to pay off a debt of her being with us by whatever miracle or being it took to make it so. Since then, our family grows vegetables annually that we donate to food banks/community kitchens. I got involved with the food bank effort in Haliburton County and spent two years on the board of the Ontario Association of Food Banks. A few years ago, I co-founded Heat Bank Haliburton County and the Central Food Network – organizations that assist hundreds of households who struggle with the

decisions of heating or eating that no one should have to. I have also volunteered my time to write grants and fund raise on behalf of local organizations that to date, has resulted in nearly \$400,000 to build county food hubs and provide heat and food to those in need. In 2016, I purchased the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships and moved them to Haliburton County because I believe events like these build community and promote our community.

2. The most important issue facing Minden Hills is the need for council to be more accountable. Why do we have so many RFP's on major projects that are bid on by one tender? Why would we agree to invest over \$10 million on an arena project that does not reflect the needs of the greater community and that is over budget, with no guaranteed source of funding and has not had a feasibility study? How is it possible that Minden has had the highest average tax increase in Haliburton County over the past four years? There are also concerns about accountability on Scotch Line landfill and related environmental impacts. Why have we lost so many good staff and have such a difficulty attracting new ones?

Yes the business of running a municipality is challenging for many reasons but make no mistake, it is a business. As a business it has a bottom line; it is accountable to its customers and supportive of its staff. It makes good decisions with good information and invests smartly into the community to address the issues of today but also has an eye on tomorrow. As a councillor, I am committed to pushing for council meetings to take place in evenings or to be streamed online so people can attend/view proceedings. I believe that council should hold annual town halls where the public can gather to get an update on how the "business" is performing and discuss issues/get feedback on those issues that are of concern to our customers.

3. The lack of rental stock is related to the overall lack of available housing inventory. In particular, there are few options in the downtown core where future growth needs to happen. This lack of inventory in town is problematic for those that want/need to move closer to town services and healthcare and for those that lack transportation options. Increasing the downtown population density would make future projects (i.e. rural transportation) more feasible while assisting our local businesses. As part of my plan, I would propose the sourcing and rezoning of a property to develop a tiny homes park. Tiny homes offer new home buyers, those that have limited income and those that are seeking a simple lifestyle options versus high priced homes or rentals.

We cannot continue to rely on project initiatives from the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Group. I don't believe they are invested in proactively finding solutions in Haliburton County. We need to continue to look at attracting and incentivizing developers to create projects that fit our community needs. With the passing of Bill 68, municipalities have more creative license to develop new sources of income rather than defaulting to taxation to raise revenues. With this in mind and barring success in the previously mentioned options - Minden Hills could set up a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT). The trust would focus on funding specific areas of need (geared to income, seniors etc). In essence, Minden Hills would have the opportunity to invest in itself and control its own destiny to find solutions.

4. The first step is to work with the local businesses to determine whether a BIA or business association is the right approach. We need a unified voice and partner. My plan outlines a number of ideas that would drive interest and most importantly people to the downtown core.

Establishing a downtown park/green space at the site of the former Pritchard house capable of hosting music/theatrical and special events.

Converting the former fire hall into a seasonal indoor exhibit space to increase capacity and the type of events that can take place.

Pursue funding (e.g. Ontario Trillium Foundation) to build a splash pad that would attract families and visitors to town. It should be noted that over 30 communities have successfully applied to get between \$55,000 and \$150,000 from OTF in the past five years for splash pads.

Work with current and potential stakeholders to develop and find funding for improvements to the fairgrounds. Events at the fairgrounds drive visitors to the area and town.

Develop a Minden Hills Event Funding program that would support (though investment and/or in kind contributions) those events (current or proposed) that provide a solid plan demonstrating contributions to our community or economy.

5. In 2014, Greer Galloway Engineering, after a full review of the Arena, estimated the cost to fix it to be \$2.4 million with an estimated lifespan of 20+ years. The new council instead, decided to create an arena task force that did not consider suggestions (like a small pool) that were high on the list of a community survey. These other elements would be a nice compliment to an arena that would appeal to our aging population and the need to attract more families into our community.

This task force held a total of twelve reported meetings and took the entire four years of the council mandate before proposing a facility that could cost the taxpayers over \$10 million (\$1600 per man, woman and child in Minden Hills) plus financing costs. This figure was based on ONE tender (that was over budget), NO feasibility study, NO secure source of funding and with little or no consideration of other community interests that would make this facility a true "community centre". Despite all these shortcomings, council pushed through the project before it became "lame duck" rather than allowing the next council, who will ultimately be responsible for the plan, a chance to review and recommend on its merits.

An updated arena with a pool (that is reflective of our population demographics and needs) along with a fitness centre, flexible meeting/event space, potential commercial space/rental opportunities would give our community a REAL community centre that would be an asset to Minden Hills.

Editor's Note: Ron Nesbitt is also running as a candidate for councillor at large. His responses were not ready by press time and will be included in next week's Minden Times.

**See next week's Minden Times for
responses from candidates for
Minden Hills Ward 1.**

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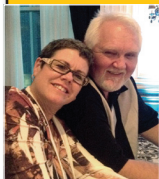
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School board launches app

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has launched a free mobile app designed to keep students, parents, staff, and community members informed about their schools and the district.

Through the app, users will be able to choose which schools they want to follow and may choose to receive push notifications directly to their phone. News, transportation updates, calendars, school contact details,

and community information is all available through the app and can be downloaded for iOS through the Apple Store and for Android devices from Google Play. “The new district mobile app empow-

ers everyone in the community to stay connected with their schools and TLDSB,” says Catherine Shedden, district manager of corporate communications. “This app provides access to school-related information, transportation updates, school activities and potential emergency situations. We know that our parents and students rely on their mobile devices. This app is their direct line of communication and will continue to evolve based on their needs.” The mobile app is integrated into the same communication platform that allows the district and schools to manage and share important information by phone call, text message, email, and now, mobile app. “This is another great example of the commitment we have to engaging families through improved communication,” says Larry Hope, director of education. “We’re excited about how the new app will help us communicate more effectively, leading to a stronger, more connected community.” For more information, visit <https://launch.customerschoolapp.net/trilliumlakelands>.

Continued math focus for TLDSB

Trillium Lakelands District School Board is seeing consistency in Grade 6 assessments according to results released today by the Education Quality and Assessment Office (EQAO). However, Grade 3 results dropped in all three assessment areas – reading, writing, and math. Reading and writing results in Grade 6 are holding steady and indicate a slight decline of one per cent in math. The provincial results also dropped by one per cent in Grade 6 math. “It is important to maintain our standard of high expectations for our students and we will continue a concentrated effort to improve math results,” stated director of education, Larry Hope. “Our math programs, augmented this year with a renewed focus on fundamentals, will be closely monitored for impact on student achievement.” Ongoing attention on math in TLDSB includes a focus on students with special needs for both Grade 3 and Grade 6 math. The board will continue to place emphasis on professional development in math, and allow teachers to make classroom changes that are connected to student assessment information. Eighty-three per cent of Grade 9 TLDSB academic level students achieved levels 3 and 4 in math. TLDSB students at the applied level continue to achieve at levels 3 and 4 at a higher rate than the provincial average. The board is currently piloting programs in secondary schools that are focused on key math skills using a new diagnostic tool. “Our commitment to high levels of student achievement will not waver,” says chairperson Louise Clodd. “Our staff, administrators, and system leaders are dedicated to improvements in learning for all of our students.” TLDSB will continue to build on these results in the future by staying focused on the goals outlined in the Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Embrace Learning. More information on results may be found on the EQAO website.

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Algonquin Highlands signs deal with Rogers

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Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands is entering an agreement with Rogers for the installation of equipment at the Dorset tower that will improve cell service in the township.

Back in July, Rogers reps came to council looking for an agreement to place equipment on the tower temporarily, for a maximum of three months, to improve cell service during the “seasonal recreational summer period.”

A coverage map provided at the time seemed to benefit mostly the adjacent Lake of Bays township, and Mayor Carol Moffatt asked Rogers staff to come back with a plan that included greater benefit for Algonquin Highlands.

During a Sept. 20 meeting, Rogers staff did just that, returning with a plan that included more permanent equipment and greater coverage for Algonquin Highlands residents.

“We’re looking for a permanent structure, as opposed to a temporary structure,” Omar Lababidi, municipal relations specialist for Rogers, told councillors. A new coverage map also showed much expanded coverage within the borders of Algonquin Highlands.

“There’s substantial improvement for both municipalities, especially, as you can see here, your municipality,” Lababidi said. “That’s much better,” said Moffatt.

The installation will include antennas affixed to the tower, as well as an equipment cabinet – essentially a large, metallic box – to be stationed at a discrete location on the tower property.

The amount of electricity at the tower property is not sufficient to accommodate the installation, and new hydro infrastructure will be installed at the site at the expense of Rogers.

The company also provided non-interference confirmation, a report indicating the set-up will not interfere with existing signals in the area.

As for the contract itself, Rogers will pay Algonquin Highlands \$500 per month for use of the property, increasing at a rate of two per cent, annually. The contract is for 10 years, with options for three extensions of five years each.

As for the work, “we need to think about fall colours, and the busy season,” said parks, rec and trails manager Chris Card. Thousands of tourists flock to the tower each fall to take in the autumn foliage.

Card indicated that no work would begin until Oct. 29.



Winner is ...

Pearl Cowan was the winner of the Feasting in the Highlands raffle. Her ticket was drawn on Sept. 21. The raffle is a fundraiser for the Minden Health Care Auxiliary. /Photo submitted

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Team energy and depth is strength of Hawks

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

As more than two dozen Red Hawks varsity rugby players jumped up and down, yelling out numbers, counting out each exercise movement in unison, their co-coach Alexis David remarked about the high energy of the group.

“They have so much energy. They’re here every morning at 7 a.m. They all show up and are ready to go. They’re ready to hit. They come prepared with their mouth guards and they’re eager to get on the field,” she said.

She’s already expecting this enthusiasm to continue, as she has a five kilometre run scheduled for the upcoming PA Day in October after Thanksgiving.

“This is the only PA Day in the season so I thought if you’re going to eat turkey all weekend and pumpkin pie you go for a five [kilometre] run. So I told them they have to send me a picture [of them running],” she said.

Along with David, the coaching staff includes co-coach Carson MacDonald and assisted by Brianne Pockett.

This year’s depth is a definite strength for the team, which was as high as 28 players the third week of school. As a result, the coaching staff were given a rare chance to juggle the roster in preparation for the Kawartha Senior



The Red Hawks varsity rugby team works on rucking the ball in practice during a pre-season drill at the lower field on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The Hawks have a deep roster and with many in Grade 9 the team is aiming for a top-four finish in the Kawartha Senior Girls Rugby League. The Hawks will host the Adam Scott Lions for their homeopener on Tuesday, Oct. 2. Kickoff is 3 p.m. /DARREN LUM Staff

Girls Rugby League’s seven game season.

“We have a full field of girls, but then we have subs for all the positions that we needs subs for so it works out really well. Some girls might be playing one or two [positions], but, yeah, Carson and I have been switching girls back and forth, stealing girls from forwards to backs. I think we’ve finally figured it out.”

The team offered informal practices this summer. It enabled Grade 9 players, who are new to the sport to learn and receive one-on-one help from coaches and returning and alumni players. The practices were also an opportunity to mentor and bond as a team.

Returning to the team are veterans Kailynn Sikma and River Christiano, who will bolster a team of mostly Grade 9s.

David has her sights set on a solid season.

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The Red Hawks varsity rugby players work through a passing/hitting drill during the pre-season at the lower field on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. /DARREN LUM Staff

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“We’re aiming for the top-four for Kawartha and that’s our goal right now,” she said.

Haliburton’s home opener is their third game scheduled this season and is Tuesday, Oct. 2. They will host the Adam Scott Lions at 3 p.m.

Note: the Hawks have started their season and are 0-1 after losing their season opener on the road in Lindsay against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats 44-0.

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Hawks’ return to Kawartha League rewarded

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

When the Red Hawks varsity boys’ soccer team’s captain Daniel Rivard ran, screaming and shaking his fists in joyous celebration, high-fiving teammates on his way to the midfield after scoring on the Fenelon Falls Falcons net with a low blast, it was plain to see his enthusiasm for the moment.

However what the Falcons’ players didn’t know was that Rivard’s celebration was for more than a goal to take the lead early in a home opener, or even the first goal of the season. It was the first goal for a team that had been unable to attract enough players to field a team for the past two years for the Kawartha High School Soccer League.

Coach Rob Gervais understood his captain’s joy and the work he put into getting the team to its first game.

“Daniel Rivard in Grade 9 was on the varsity team and this was the next time he has played in Grade 12,” he said. “He’s the guy that got everybody together.”

Gervais was happy for his captain and enjoyed his own return to the sidelines.

His captain’s enthusiasm extended to the rest of the game and helped the team.

“He did a wonderful job. He’s very vocal. He’s one of our captains. He’s very vocal and the things he was saying were the right things: So, let’s continue to attack this. I got

it. I got that lane,” he said.

Rivard’s goal was worthy of a celebration based on how he was able to weave and deke his way past three defenders until he was alone with the keeper, just inside the box where he struck a low shot, evading the Falcons keeper.

The Falcons struck for an equalizer off a broken play very early in the second. The sequence leading up to the tying goal wasn’t anything threatening. The Hawks remained composed despite the tie.

Rivard added another in the second half to put the Hawks up by one again, 2-1.

After a few Falcons’ scoring chances were turned away by Hawks defensive corps led by middle backfielder Zayden Crete, the Hawks put the game away with two more goals. The insurance marker came from Codie Wilkinson and the last goal came from sub-in Ethan Somerville, scoring from the attacking midfield position with seconds left.

During the post game speech by Gervais, he told them there is still room for improvement.

Decision making is going to be a work in progress and will improve with game time – knowing when to pass and when to maintain possession, whether to move into scoring position and strike or not.

He pointed out defensive issues, whether it was the lack of marking, or giving too much space in the defensive zone. These issues were also lacking for the Falcons, which was an area exploited by the home side for scor-



Red Hawks varsity midfielder Alex Little lofts a pass, looking for a teammate on the far side of the field during the home opener against the Fenelon Falls Falcons on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks won 4-1 and were led with two goals from captain Daniel Rivard. The team missed the past two seasons because of a lack of players./DARREN LUM Staff

ing chances. Gervais said several of these chances could have been capitalized on if shots were on target.

This first game was a great opportunity for his team.

The opportunity for a strong result was there for the taking.

“It was nice to play a team very much like us, young. They only had 11 guys. They didn’t have one to sub on,” he said. “That certainly helped us and they had no Grade 12s.”

The Falcons are a varsity team like the Hawks and have a roster of Grade 9s and 10s, who are young and inexperienced.

“We took advantage of our chances and, I think, we were more aggressive than they were. That certainly helps,” he said.

It’s worth noting that first-year (Grade 10) midfielder Alex Little has brought solid athleticism and skills to an important area of the field.

“He’s a runner. I love to have that in the middle of the field. He needs to work on maintaining control of the ball, but he’s going to be a fantastic player,” he said, referring to the Grade 10 student.

With two years away from playing, Gervais wanted to get as many of his players involved and having fun as possible.

“We had two years where we have had no soccer here. A lot of kids are playing it for the first time so I just wanted to get as many kids out here and get them involved in the game,” he said.

There will only be three students graduating so the soccer program’s future is bright.

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“We’ll have a year under our belts and a little more experience. Hopefully, the program builds from there,” he said

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Red Hawks senior team coach Derek Little shouts commands to his players during the home opener.



Hawks set back in home opener

Red Hawks senior player Jacob Haedicke kicks the ball to the Fenelon Falls Falcons on Friday, Sept. 21 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks may have lost 23-1, but with close to 22 players on the team was competitive for most of the game only down by a pair of touchdowns into the third quarter. / DARREN LUM Staff



**COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-016/18
Applicant: Gerald Brown & Claudette Thistle
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 10, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

2. File No. H-018/18
Applicant: Derek Dingledine
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 11, Concession A, Geographic Township of Sherborne
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

3. File No. H-019/18
Applicant: Sandra Dingledine
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 11, Concession A, Geographic Township of Sherborne
Nature of the Application: Easement


Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 27th day of September, 2018.

Lisa Gillan
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Haliburton County Land Division Committee
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**NOTICE OF HEARING
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT**
Subsection 17 (34) of the Planning Act

File No.: 4616-OPA-012
Subject Land: Part of Lot 3, Concession A
Address: No Address Prince Street
Municipality: Township of Minden Hills (Geographic Township of Minden)
Applicant: Township of Minden Hills (Sharon Luke)

TAKE NOTICE: A complete application to amend the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan, as amended, will be heard for a decision by the Council of the County of Haliburton.
DATE: October 24, 2018
9:00 am
LOCATION: County Council Chambers
11 Newcastle Street, Minden

THE PURPOSE: The application proposes to amend the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan to designate the property located at the corner of Prince Street and Booth Street, in part of lot 3, Concession 'A' Service and Business Area designation.

THE AMENDMENT: If approved the amendment will remove the property from the Residential Designation. Official Plan Schedule 'A-1' Settlement Area of Minden Land Use will be amended to reflect the designation change. The Council of the Township of Minden Hills adopted the proposed Official Plan Amendment on the 28th of June, 2018, by By-Law No. 18-77.

OTHER RELATED APPLICATIONS: The land was also subject of an amendment to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law (By-law No. 18-78).

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE: A public open house was held by the applicant on May 24, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting was held by the Township of Minden Hills on June 14, 2018 at 9 a.m. at the Municipal office.


REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal of a request to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Director of Planning, County of Haliburton. Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the approval authority to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

GETTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information regarding the application is available for public inspection at the County of Haliburton Administrative Office during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 27th day of September, 2018.

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Crossing country

Above, Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Grade 6 runner Cole Hamilton charges up the hill for the intermediate course on his way to a third place at the annual Elementary School Cross Country Meet on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. Organizers said there were 10 schools, which included area schools JDHES, Stuart Baker Elementary School, Wilberforce Elementary School and ASES./DARREN LUM Staff



Left, Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Grade 2 runner Ryker Pelow smiles, running to the finish of the primary aged race.

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**Gull problems persist
on Mountain Lake**
by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

"Embarrassed" was a term used by some members of Minden Hills council as they heard presentations from residents of Mountain Lake during an Aug. 30 meeting. For years, the lake has been plagued by a seagull population who feed at the town's nearby Scotch Line landfill, and then retreat to the lake, where they litter the water, docks, docks and boats.

"I'm not talking about 10, 20, 30 or 100 seagulls," resident Kym Hanson told councillors, adding that a few days before the council meeting, a count had found near 700 gulls in one of the lake's bays.

Hanson said the birds soil her family's dock and swimming area with feces, feathers and garbage from the landfill. She is a mother to two young daughters and said her family must clean out the water near their cottage before the girls can go swimming.

A detailed presentation she'd prepared showed images of large flocks of seagulls on the lake, as well as their covering docks and boats.

"Before I even get out of bed, I start to feel anxious — are there going to be seagulls sitting there?" she said, adding she was sure that

Minden under-18 boys curling rink seeking sponsorship

Young Minden curlers are looking for support to represent the Minden community and the Minden Curling Club this season.

The Minden under 18 boys curling team of Evan Roitz, Liam Little, Aidan Bowers and Griffin Bowers are excited for the 2018-2019 season after solid results last year in their debut season.

This included a second place in a 17 team field in an under-18 junior slam series event in Orillia, which earned the team's berth to the most prestigious under-18 in Ontario, the National Players Championship from March 30 to April 2 in Guelph.

The team's head of sponsorship Kim Switzer said the team is anxious to build upon its past successes.

"The Minden team truly wants to challenge their abilities on both the physical and psychological level in hopes that they can build more team successes for their future," she

wrote.

The Minden rink needs financial support to continue with its growth.

"All of the hard work, commitment and participation does not come without a cost to the members of the Minden team," she said.

Last year, each team member committed nearly \$2,500 to their pursuit of being the best they can be in a sport they love. The budget included cost for travel, hotel, food and participation in the national level curling camp this past summer.

"Any donation amount is extremely important and is very much appreciated, and any donor who would be willing to sponsor the team for \$500 or more would receive their company name on the team jackets," she said.

The team, which divides its time with practices here and in Uxbridge, is setting its sights on competing in the under-18 boys slam series – a series of bonspiels where only the top

16 under-18 boys teams across Ontario participate. Also, the team will showcase their skills with tougher competition during several open bonspiels and at several under-21 men's bonspiels in Ontario.

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LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

The general rule is that any pain caused by trauma (falls, twists, bumps) needs to be rested. However, too much rest can result in stiffness, and overall body soreness. It is a balancing act. Over the years we have seen a real change in recommendations for the healing process. Even people having extensive surgeries are encouraged to get moving as quickly as possible. Granted, many surgeries are not as invasive as they once were so that makes it easier to get up and at it. Recently a friend of mine had her knee replaced and she left the hospital the same day. It's unbelievable.

I've said it before and I will say it again (and again and again): The body is amazing. It's a machine that needs to keep moving. Like a car that isn't driven for long periods of time, our bodies seize up when not used. The heart is a muscle. If it's not exercised it will not pump effectively. That means that oxygen and nutrients will be slow to get to the cells that make up everything (skin, muscles, bones, organs, etc.) and the waste gener-

ated will not be eliminated as quickly as it should. I believe that good health begins with a strong heart. We can't exercise the heart without the rest of the body participating. That's a winning equation.

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Move as much as you as you can! Set a timer if you need to get you up from the couch or the desk. If you are inactive now start with low impact movements. Walking is good. Riding a bike or swimming are wonderful activities that get your heart beating but won't be hard on the joints. Regardless, bring more movement into your life. Even making two trips to the fridge is better than one.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at laurie@thepointforfitness.com.



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Monday afternoon, Sept. 17

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Men – Fred Phipps – 199
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High Single Hcp – Clara Vuksic – 245
High Triple Hcp – Clara Vuksic – 682
This Weeks Highs – Men
High Single – Dale Freitag – 241
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High Single Brian Haslam 248
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High Triple Neil Darby 605
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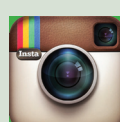
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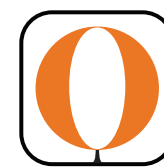


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More money

Chamber asks for support from members, politicians

by Andy Holloway

Last year was a time of "challenges and changes" for the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, outgoing president Rhonda Elstone told members at last Wednesday's annual meeting.

Elstone said the board had to make do last year with fewer paid staff, less money and the amalgamation of the county's economic development office.

She added that the chamber has to deal with a large diverse area which means most decisions will always leave some people out in the cold.

Elstone said people who say the chamber should be self-sufficient do not realize how the organization operates. She said most chambers act as lobby groups while Haliburton's takes on more of a marketing role. The board could be self-sufficient, she said, but that would mean it could no longer have an information centre, attend shows in Toronto or produce ads or lure pieces.

She said the board needs more money to do its job properly. This funding should be generated through increased memberships and by pressuring politicians to pay up.

The board's auditor Dawson Gray reported that the board had a surplus of almost \$23,000 for the year ending March 31, 1992 compared to a \$577 surplus the previous year. However, to accomplish this the board had to cut its expenses in half

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Board turns money down

by Andy Holloway

It is not often a group turns away government funds, but that is exactly what the Haliburton County Board of Education did at their last meeting.

The Ministry of Education is offering at total of \$50 million in 1994 capital grants to school boards for the creation of counselling facilities on school property.

In a recorded vote on September 22, seven trustees voted against dipping into the provincial funds while six voted for the idea.

It was proposed at the meeting that the board in partnership with community social agencies submit a funding proposal for the creation of a 2,000 square foot counselling facility. Only agencies whose mandate provides services for children and families are eligible for funding. The government would have fully funded such a facility if it were approved.

Education director Brad Saunders says the trustees turned down the proposal for several reasons, the main one being the children's safety.

"I think the major reason was the concern that would the presence of a counselling facility attract other adults into the school at a time when we're very concerned about the safety of our children," says Saunders.

"Right now the parents of Archie Stouffer feel that once their children go there they are safe. It was something that the trustees felt was very important and they didn't want to take the risk of compromising that safety."

Trustees voting against the motion were: Lloyd Griffiths, Cheryl Murdoch, Wayne Wood, Wally Bunn, Elsa May, Nancy Dunford and Leonard Salvatori.

Voting for the motion were: Leroy Eager, Tim Casey, John Munro, Wendy Ladurantaye, Craig Petit and Mary Ann Wilson.



John MacLeod: Toronto is where he lives, but Haliburton is where he'd like to make his home

Jazzing it up

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For John MacLeod, October 16 will be one of those rare occasions when he can enjoy the love of his art in the community he would like to call home.

MacLeod plays trumpet in the Mike Murley Quartet, a Toronto-based jazz group which will be performing in a fundraising concert at the Haliburton Legion.

MacLeod was born and raised in Toronto, but his roots are in Haliburton County. Ever since his childhood,

MacLeod has been coming to the county for vacations at his parents' cottage on Horseshoe Lake. His parents eventually bought acreage in Blairhampton and retired here, selling their home to their son.

Although he was born and raised in Toronto, MacLeod says the memories of his youth are based in the highlands. "My childhood is based here more so than in the city," he says. "I feel a strong connection here, that's why I'm so glad to be playing in Haliburton."

Eventually, MacLeod hopes to make Haliburton his home. However, the reality of building a career as a jazz musician has made that impossible. The last jazz concert here was in 1978 when the Rotary club sponsored a jazz festival at the Minden Community centre.

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The Mike Murley Quartet will perform Oct. 16 at the Haliburton Legion. Proceeds to the Guild of Fine Arts. Tickets are \$12 at Minden IDA and Ralls' End Gallery

Devolin wins Reform Party post

Winning the right to represent the local Reform party will mean a great deal of work for Barry Devolin over the next few weeks.

Devolin, one of the key organizers of the Victoria-Haliburton Reform party riding association, received support from his fellow party members September 28 when he was chosen as the Reform candidate for the next federal election. He was elected at the association's nomination meeting at the Lindsay Armouries Monday. And by Tuesday he was setting out an agenda of activities that will keep him busy through to the end of October.

Although there is no federal election in the near future, Devolin's nomination comes in the midst of the campaigning for the country's referendum on the constitution.

"I'm hot on the referendum trail," the Haliburton resident told The Times Tuesday. Preparation work for a federal election have been put on hold until after the referendum.

In regards to the referendum, Devolin says he will be trying to find ways of providing information to the public about the agreement. A public forum on the referendum is being planned for October 7 in Haliburton where Devolin will express his thoughts on the issue. He is also preparing his argument in opposition to the constitution to be published next week in The Times.

In terms of party business, Devolin says he will be attending a three-day assembly in Winnipeg at the end of the

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Reform candidate Barry Devolin

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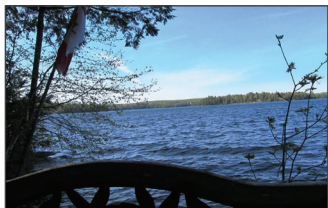
- Building lot in area of newer homes
- Flat lot of .35 acre, hydro at lot line
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- 1100 sq feet, open concept living, furnished
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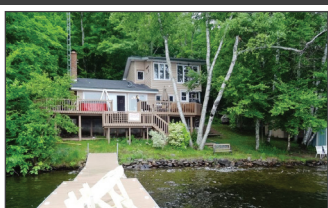
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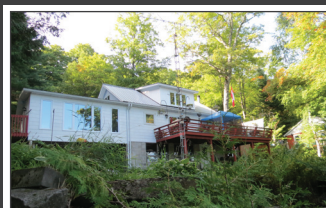
- Charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath 4 season cottage
- Sand shoreline, majestic lake views & lots of sun
- Many recent updates throughout



Kirsten Rae*
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Minden Home \$399,900

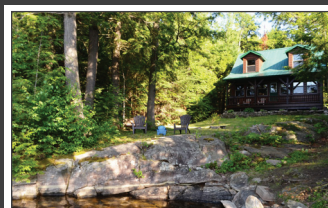
- Beautifully renovated raised bungalow
- In desirable Minden neighbourhood
- Walk into town for all amenities!



Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Esson Lake \$549,000

- Well-kept family cottage on a beautiful lake
- With 100 ft of waterfrontage & year round access
- Open concept LR, DR and kitchen, 3 bedrooms



Christine Sharp*
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Rare Listing \$699,500

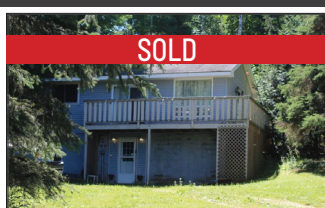
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- Private road just minutes off HWY 35
- Winterized with full basement



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- A true Canadian classic 3 bdrm log cottage
- Open main level with a view of the lot & lake
- 26 ctges on the lake, surrounded by crown land



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